



Welcome back!

Welcome back everyone! It is great to see so many happy, smiling faces back at school. We have a very busy term coming up, so please make sure you keep an eye out for notes and unit newsletters.

Deep Knowledge Unit –Energy go, go, go!

Students will explore the different forms of energy and how they work. They will explore the function of energy in our every day lives and experiment with simple electrical circuits.

Students will visit Science Works to further develop their understanding of energy. A note for this excursion will be sent home soon!

Personal Projects

In the second half of this term, students will be completing a personal project. Each student will be asked to choose a topic that they find interesting and complete a project that allows them to learn a new skill. The aim of this activity is to develop new knowledge and skills. Students are asked not to choose a topic or task that they know everything about already!

In class time, students will refine their topic and complete a time management plan. Students need to plan for their project to be completed in their allocated class time during the 4 week period.

We will send a note home in week 5 outlining the expectations and requirements related to personal projects. Please remind your child that they do not need to start their project until we discuss it in class time at school.

PE and Sport

This term students will have the opportunity to sign up for sport workshops. Students will choose from sessions such as bike riding, walking, dancing, skipping, cricket, fitness and initiative games. Each activity rotation will last for three weeks and students will have the opportunity to participate in three activities during the term. The activities will start in week 2.

Please have a chat with your child about the choices they have made for sport this term!

Dates to Remember!

Geelong Cup Day Holiday
21st October 2009

Science Works Excursion
28th October 2009

Middle Learning Unit Information Night 2010
8th December 2009

Reports
11th December 2009

End of Year Excursion
15th December 2009

Class Parties
16th December 2009

Personal Projects Expo
16th December 2009

Last Day of Term
18th December 2009 @ 2:30

Homework

Reading

Students are required to read four days a week for at least 15-20 minutes and record this reading in their diaries.

Times tables

Students will have a list of times tables to learn each week and will complete a quiz on a weekly basis.

Spelling

Students will have a list of spelling words to learn each week and will have a weekly quiz on these words.

Deep Knowledge

To support our Deep Knowledge Unit, students will be required to complete an energy audit in their home. Students will bring this homework home in week 1 or 2.

Hoop Time

Last term, six Middle Learning Unit teams competed at the Hoop Time basketball competition. Everyone had a terrific day and represented Bellaire with pride. Two teams won the grand final in their section and will be competing in the Hoop Time competition in Werribee this term. Good luck everyone!